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TAGS: PFOR, PORG
SUBJECT: NACC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING

1. MEA DIRECTOR VINAY VERMA TOLD EMBOFFS MARCH 18 THAT VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE TWENTY-FIVE MEMBERS OF THE NACC WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT THE APRIL SESSION IN NEW DELHI BY THEIR RESPECTIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS. HE NOW ESTIMATED THERE WOULD BE 25 TO 35 OBSERVERS, MOST OF WHOM WOULD BE OF AMBASSADORIAL RANK WITH A FEW DRAWN FROM RESIDENT MISSIONS. VERMA ALSO SAID THERE MIGHT BE A FEW ADDITIONAL FOREIGN MINISTERS AMONG THE OBSERVERS, BUT HE DID NOT EXPECT MANY. SOME OF THE NACC DELEGATIONS WILL REMAIN AFTER THE APRIL 11 CLOSING FOR BILATERAL TALKS, BUT VERMA DID NOT SPECIFY WHICH DELEGATIONS WOULD STAY ON.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ON KOREA, THE MIDDLE EAST, AND SOUTH AFRICA, VERMA SAID THE THOUGHT THE NACC COMMUNIQUE WOULD EMBODY FAIRLY STANDARD NON-ALIGNED LANGUAGE ON THESE SUBJECTS. THE GOIDESIRE, HE SAID, IS TO HAVE A NON-CONTENTIOUS SESSION. HE SPECULATED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE NORTH KOREANS AS OBSERVERS TO INJECT PROVOCATIVE LANGUAGE INTO THE COMMUNIQUE, EVEN IF THEY COULD FINA A PROXY TO ACT FOR THEM. VERMA REASONED THAT NO PROXY WOULD BE AS RADICAL AS THE NORTH KOREANS WERE
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THEMSELVES. ALTHOUGH HE CARFULLY AVOIDED SPECIFICS, VERMA SAID THE GOI WOULD AUTHOR THE COMMUNIQUE AND INTENDED TO PRODUCE A DOCUMENT WHICH WOULD BE IN KEEPING WITH ITS OVERALL MEETING OBJECTIVE. VERMA THOUGHT A FEW OF THE DELEGATIONS WOULD ARRIVE AS EARLY AS APRIL 2 OR 3 SO THEY COULD SPEND SOME TIME WITH THE DRAFT DOCUMENTS AND CONSULTING WITH THEIR COLLEAGUES. (UNFORTUNATELY HE DID NOT OFFER US ANY ADVANCE COPIES.) HE DID SAY HE THOUGHT

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THERE WOULD BE RATHER EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION OF SOUTH AFRICA IN LIGHT OF THE FAILURE OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

3. VERMA ALSO SAID HE ANTICIPATED RATHER FULL DISCUSSION OF THE CIEC. HE SAID THAT RESIDENT CHIEFS OF MISSION WOULD BE INVITED TO THE OPENING AND CLOSING SESSIONS, AND THAT A PRESS OFFICE WOULD BE MAINTAINED AT THE CONFERENCE CENTER.

4. COMMENT: THE NACC SESSION WILL FOLLOW HARD ON THE HEELS OF THE INDIAN ELECTIONS. PREPARATIONS ARE ENTIRELY IN THE HANDS OF THE MEA AS FAR AS WE CANDETERMINE, WITH THE TOP POLITICAL LEADER-SHIP OTHERWISE OCCUPIED. WE WOULD THINK FROM WHAT WE HAVE HEARD SO FAR, AND VERMA WAS CAREFULLY GUARDED IN TODAY'S SESSION, THAT THE GOI ITSELF WILL HAVE NO SIGNIFICANT INITIATIVES TO OFFER. WE BELIEVE VERMA'S ASSERTION THAT THE GOI WANTS A SMOOTH NON-CONTENTIOUS MEETING IS AN ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE GOI'S OBJECTIVE
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